

Cure Violence: Aim4PEACE

Violence Prevention Program



Aim4Peace Vision Statement

Aim4Peace works to cure violence, especially retaliatory violence in the Kansas City, MO East Patrol Division using a public health model and a proactive team of first responders.

Target Population

Youth age 14-25
Adults age 26-40
Residents of East Patrol
Family Members
Residents of 330 Patrol Sector

Community Partnerships

Schools
Police
Faith Based Organizations
Hospitals Neighborhoods &
Civic Associations

THE APPROACH

Work with community partners to:

- ✓ Identify high risk individuals
- ✓ Interrupt the spread of violence, especially retaliatory violence
- ✓ Change behaviors of victims, offenders and those around them
- ✓ Reshape community norms and expectations around violent behavior

GOALS

To identify, detect and increase awareness of the perceived risk and costs of involvement in violence among the target population.



To provide alternatives to violence when individuals in the community are making unhealthy behavior decisions.



To support healthy community norms and behaviors regarding violence.

CORE STRATEGIES

- ✓ Employ Street Intervention Workers to direct case management of high-risk individuals and conduct conflict resolution to prevent violence.
- ✓ Engage Violence Interrupters to prevent the pot from boiling over and broker peace within high risk neighborhoods.
- ✓ Utilize Hospital Responders to manage patients, family, and friends at the hospital when incidents of intentional injuries occur to prevent further transmission of violence.
- ✓ Provide education and resources to communities that encourage conflict resolution skills and alternatives to violence.

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Aim4Peace COMMUNITY ACTIONS:

1. Conflict Resolution and Mediation Services - Aim4Peace specializes in working with willing parties to help resolve conflict and disruptive behavior through the use of fast, easy and extremely effective solutions, promoting peaceful resolutions of conflicts. Target populations include individuals with high risk of being involved in violence. These individuals are provided on-the-spot guidance, intensive one-on-one case management and on-going risk reduction planning. A4P staff are from the same or similar communities as the people they serve—they are people who have overcome violence in their own lives and are now role models to others.

- **Neighborhood Outreach Teams** – Groups of well-coordinated staff members (Violence Interrupters and Street Intervention Workers) and community partners work together to identify disputes within targeted communities that may erupt in violence and rapidly respond to violent crime with conflict resolution and mediation services.
- **Hospital Prevention Program** - In partnership with Truman Medical Center (TMC), Aim4Peace provides a hospital-based violence intervention program targeting patients with violence related injuries. Aim4Peace's trained workers offer long-term case management, linkages to community services, mentoring home visits and follow-up assistance to violently injured youth and adults. The goals of the program are to: reduce retaliation; reduce re-injury; and promote positive alternatives to violence.

2. Violence Prevention Planning and Programs – A4P helps those seeking assistance gain an understanding about the evidence-based, public health approach to help cure urban violence by treating it like an infectious disease. They offer presentations to schools, community groups, churches, businesses, or anyone interested in solutions to violence prevention. Additionally, A4P offers access to several evidence-based, wrap around services and support programs that help deter violence within the communities they serve. **Programs include:**

- **Aim4Peace Job Readiness Program** - is a four week course held quarterly in various locations in the target zone and are open to the public. The job readiness curricula covers nine subject matters, to assist participants in preparing for obstacles that can happen when entering the workforce and helping them gain insight on keeping and maintaining steady employment.
- **Aim4Peace Life Skills Learning Program** - is focused on delinquency prevention and drop-out prevention, increasing the protective factors to keep students (grades K-12) in school (e.g. personal development, and promotion of the dangers of gang and/or street organization involvement).
- **Aim4Peace Conflict Resolution Program** - The course focuses on problem solving, communication skills, personal qualities, and conflict resolution principles. This course is open to the community and offered quarterly in various locations in the target zone.
- **Aim4Peace Parent's Day Out Workshops** - The workshop is an evidence-based, culturally-adapted parenting skill-building program for parents. In these trainings participants are trained to see parenting and working through conflicts as a natural part of life, as well as an opportunity for growth and positive change. Participants receive a graduation certificate for completion and a free workbook for future reference.
- **Aim4Peace Neighbors Helping Neighbors Program (A4PNHN)** - A4PNHN is community enhancement project that helps low income and senior residents maintain their home's appearance, thereby increasing community safety, accessibility and quality of life. The program ends by October 2013.

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